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<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)/Applicant</u>	<u>Issue Date</u>
US 4 657 951	TAKARADA MITSUHIRO ET AL.	04-14-87
US 3 911 045	PETER HARTMAN ET AL.	10-07-75
WO 96 33238	AMERON INC; JOHN F. KANE NORMAN R. MOWRER	01-24-96
WO 97 19977	BP CHEM INT LTD	06-05-97
DE 16 94 974	STENBECK G	08-26-71

The above-identified documents were cited in a Search Report in connection with PCT
Application No. PCT/IB99/00207. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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The above-identified documents are also listed on the attached List of Information Cited By Applicant (PTO-1449 Form) for the convenience of the Examiner's consideration thereof.

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